

EDITED

SUNFLOWER HOUR

Canada/2011/85 mins/English/Colour/Digibeta

Director Aaron Houston

DOP Steve Deneault

 Editor Greg Ng

Music

Designer Daren Luc Sasges

Cast Amitai Marmorstein, Patrick Gilmore, Ben Cotton, Kacey Rohl

Synopsis

This is a comedy about four puppeteers, competing for a role on the hit children's television show *Sunflower Hour*. Following these social outcasts around as they embark on the journey of their lifetime, a documentary team gains insight into the lives of the contestants as well as the lives of their families and the creators of the show, discovering that none of them have any business being anywhere near children in the first place. *Sunflower Hour* is a mockumentary about the seedy underbelly of children's puppeteering and what it really takes to make it in children's television.

About the Director

A filmmaker inspired by directors like Stanley Kubrick, Ron Howard and Christopher Guest, Aaron Houston has written and directed several short films such as *Rousing Doug* (Winner of best cast and best film at the Overnight Success Festival) *Schlick Schlims* (Official selection, Yorkton Film Festival) and *Two theories, One Stone*, (Official selection, Cinequest Film Festival). Houston has also written and directed several viral commercials and as an active member of Vancouver's local film community, he co-produces the Celluloid Social Club, a monthly screening event of independent films, and is a co-founder of the Hot Shots Shorts competition, which gives opportunities to emerging filmmakers.

Sunflower Hour is Houston's first feature film as a writer/director.

Festival Participation/Awards

Karlovy Vary International Film Festival, Festival du Cinema de la Ville de Quebec, Calgary International Film Festival, Vancouver International Film Festival

Independent Camera Award, Karlovy Vary International Film Festival Special jury mention of Best Ensemble Cast, Vancouver International Film Festival

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